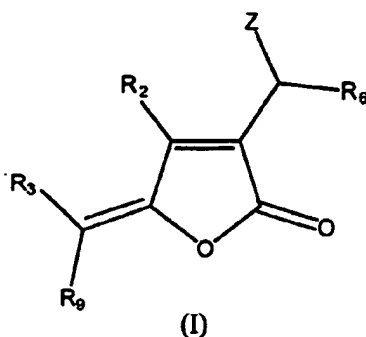


Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A compound according to formula (I):



wherein R_6 is C_4 - C_{25} alkyl;

R_2 and R_3 are independently or both H or halogen;

R_9 is halogen;

Z is independently selected from OH, alkoxy, halogen, $OC(O)R_6$, $=O$, amine, azide, thiol, mercaptoalkyl, alkenyloxy, mercaptoalkenyl, aryloxy, mercaptoaryl, arylalkyloxy, mercaptoarylalkyl, $SC(O)R_{10}$, $OS(O)R_{10}$, $OS(O)_2R_{10}$, $NHC(O)R_{10} = NR_4$ or NHR_4 ;

R_4 is OH, alkyl, alkoxy, poly(ethylene glycol), alkenyl, aryl or arylalkyl;

R_{10} is H, OH, alkyl, alkoxy, oxoalkyl, alkenyl, aryl or arylalkyl; and

wherein each substituent can be substituted or unsubstituted, straight chain or branched chain.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A compound according to formula (Ia):